## THE PAUPER OF PARK LANE

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#### CHAPTER XXIV.

Truth or Untruth. The two men exchanged glances, each

suspicious of the other. Max tried to imagine the motive of his friend's visit, while Rolfe, on his part, | was undecided as to the extent of the other's knowledge. To come there and boldly face Max had cost him a good many qualms. At one moment he felt certain that Max suspected, but at the next he laughed at his own fears, and declared himself to be a chicken-hearted fool.

"You're quite a stranger, Charlie," Max remarked at last. "I haven't seen you since the doctor disappeared so mys-

teriously." He watched Rolfe's face as he spoke, yet save a very slight flush upon the cheeks he was in no way perturbed.

"Well, I've been away nearly the whole time," was the other's reply. "The whole affair is most curious."

"And haven't you seen Maud since?" He hesitated slightly, and in that hesitation Max detected falsehood. "No," was his reply.

"What? And haven't you endeavored to find out her whereabouts?" cried Max. staring at him. "If Marion had disappeared, I think I should have left no stone unturned in order to discover the truth.

"I have tried to solve the mystery, and failed," was his rather lame response. "But where are they-where can they be? It's most extraordinary that the doctor should not send me word in confidence of their secret hiding place. I was his most intimate friend."

"Well," he said. "The fact is that until this moment I believed you were well aware of their whereabouts, but could not, in face of your friendship,

betray them. Max looked him straight in the face. Was he lying?

nious, to say the least. Yet how, recollecting that he had left the empty house in secret, could be believe that Max knew the truth and was concealing it? Was it really possible that he was in ignorance! rclay thought. Had he gone to Cromwell road expecting to find the doctor at home, just as he had done? If he had, then why had he crept out of the place and made his escape so hurriedly. Again, he recollected the result of the

earch in company with the man from Harmer's, and the finding of the open Somebody had been there after his visit; somebody who had robbed the safe! That person must have been aware of the departure of the doctor. was it if not the man seated there be-

"Well, Rolfe," Max remarked at last. "You're quite mistaken. I haven't the slightest notion where they are. I've done my best to try and discover some clew to the direction of their flight, but

mer's vans. The household goods were spirited away that night, nobody knows

'And with them the doctor and Maud?" "Exactly. But—well, tell me the truth, Charlie: Have you had no message of whatever sort from Maud?"
"None," he replied, his face full of pale Barclay.

"But, my dear fellow, she loved you, did she not? It was impossible for her

'Yes, I know. That's why I can't make it out at all. I sometimes think that—"
"That what?"

"Well, that there's been foul play, Max," he said hoarsely. "You know what the people of those Balkan countries are—so many political conspirators the other's rather cold response, in every walk of life. And the doctor "I know—I know. But would it not be

was a marvelous actor "Then you declare that you have re-

"I have heard nothing from them." "But, Charlie," he said slowly, "has it not struck you that Marion knows something—that if she liked she could furnish man in London."
"Then let us go a trifle further," said Max, at last. "Answer me one question. mysterious affair?"

"Yes," he said, his face brightening at once. "How curious! That thought struck me also. She knows something, evidently, but refuses to say a word."

Yet she ought, merely to set my mind hard, determined voice, "because I saw at rest. She knows how fondly I love you there—saw you with my own eyes!" "What has she told you?"

"She's merely urged me to be patient. That's all very well, because I feel sure that if Maud were allowed to do so she would write to me."

'Her father may prevent her. He does not write to me, remember," said Max. "I can't understand Marion; she is so ery mysterious over it all. Each time I've seen her I've tried to get the truth highly recommended, both as a singer from her, but all in vain," Rolfe declarand speaker. In the prohibition cam-

tion tallied exactly with his own the-ories; but the point still remained wheth-

"But why doesn't the doctor send me word of his own safety?" asked Barclay. "I was with him only a few hours before, smoking and chatting. He surely knew then of his impending flight. It had all been most ingeniously and cleverly arranged." erly arranged."

"No doubt. When I knew of it I was absolutely staggered." Rolfe said.

It was curious, thought his friend, that he did not admit visiting the house after the furniture had been removed. I thought you left at nine that night go to Belgrade. Marion told me you

had gone." Max remarked.
"Yes. I had intended to go, but I unfortunately missed my train. The next day the old gentleman sent somebody else, as he wanted me at home to look

after affairs up in Glasgow."

"And how did you first know of Maud's disappearance?" asked Max, thinking to upset his calm demeanor. "I called at the house," he replied, vouchsafing no further fact. "And after that?" Max inquired, recol-

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major, F sharp minor, C minor, D flat
major, F sharp minor, C minor, D flat

ly quarters, without result."
"And what's your theory?" Max asked. looking him straight in the face, now undecided whether he was lying or not. "Theory? Well, my dear fellow, I haven't any. I'd like to hear yours. The doctor and his daughter have suddenly disconnected as though the corth have."

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"At present I'm unable to form any achimself to be a chicken-hearted fool.

And so days had gone on until, unable to stand it further, he had at last resolved to call at Dover street.

tual theory," his friend replied. "There has either been foul play, or else they are in hiding because of some act of political vengeance of the concert he played the choice of the choice of the concert he played the choice of the not a word has come from either tends an enviable reputation. to support the theory of foul play. Yet Among the distinguished people in the if there has been a secret tragedy, why audience were Mme. Jusserand, wife of support the theory of foul play. Yet should the furniture have been made to the French Ambassador, accompanied by ilsappear as well as themselves?" Then, the Third Secretary of the Embassy and after a pause, he fixed his eyes suspi-ciously upon Charlie, and added, "I won-Macfarland, wife of the Commissioner, with a party of friends; Maj, and Mrs. der if the doctor kept any valuables or ecurities that thieves might covet in Hoxie, the latter known as Vinnie Ream, the sculptress, and the Fourth Assistant

Roife shrugged his shoulders. Mention Postmaster General and Mrs. De Graw, of that point in no way disturbed him.
"I have never heard Maud speak of her father having any valuable possessions there," he said simply.

"But he may have done so, and a theft may have been committed!"
"Of course. But the whole affair from beginning to end is most puzzling. wonder the papers didn't get hold of it. They could have concocted lots of theories if it had become known."

"It isn't too late now. The house agents, who probably know about the re- enjoyed the programme arranged by the noval by this time, may tell the re- entertainment committee. "And now, at this lapse of time, the

"It certainly looks like that," remark-ed Max with a laugh. "But I only wish we could induce Marion to tell us all she of the soldiers.

Charlie sighed. "Yes," he said. "I only wish she would was: say something. But she refuses absolutely, and so we're left entirely in the

"Well, all I can say is, that the doctor would never willfully leave me in ig-norance of his whereabouts, especially at this moment. We have certain business matters together involving a probable gain of a good round sum. Therefore, it was surely to his interest to keep me touch with him!" Max declared.

The man before him was slient. Was it possible that he had misjudged him? Was he lying, or had he really gone to Cromwell road in search of the doctor and found the house untenanted and empty?

a complete mystery," was all that Rolfe could say.
"Do you know, Charlie, a curious

hought struck me the other day, and I nention it to you in all confidence. It may be absurd-but-well, somehow can't get it out of my head."
"And what is it?" asked his friend, with an eagerness just a little unusual.

clew to the direction of their flight, but all in vain. The more I have probed the affair, the more extraordinary and more mystifying has it becomes "What have you discovered?" asked Charlie quickly.

"Several strange things. First, I have found that the furniture was removed in vans painted with the name of Harmer's stores, but they were not Harmer's stores, but they were not Harmer's stores, but they were not Harmer's stores but they were not Harmer's stores.

he and the doctor might be acquainted?"
"They were strangers," he exclaimed. uickly, darting a strange look across at

Max was somewhat surprised at the rehement and decisive nature of Charlie's declaration

'And Maud never met the old fellow?" "Never-to my knowledge."
"Statham has a number of friends and acquaintances whom you do not know. The doctor may have been one of them." "Oh, Sam has very few secrets from ne. I am his confidential secretary," was

was such a prominent politician in Ser- to Statham's interest to be on friendly terms with such a powerful factor in the Was he telling an untruth? If so, he Servian political world as Dr. Petro-

"Well, it might. But you know how in ceived no word from either Maud or the dependent he is. He never goes into so-doctor." utterly alone in the world-the loneliest

us with a clew to the solution of the Is it or is it not a fact that you were at the house in Cromwell road on the night

Rolfe's countenance changed in an in-"Because she is Maud's most intimate dend."

"Because, Rolfe," the other said, in a

TO BE CONTINUED TO-MORROW.

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gelist, opened a series of services at Gospel Mission, 1230 Pennsylvania avenue Thursday night. They will be continued for a week or more. Miss Gibson comes ed. "My own idea is that on the night in question, when they went together to Queen's Hall. Maud told Marion something—something that is a secret."

paign, in North Carolina, she took an active part at Asheville, one of her songs, entitled "Rum Dld It," winning many adherents to the cause she advocated thing—something that is a secret."

Max pondered. His friend's explanaShe will sing and speak at each service

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i512—Juan Ponce de Leon landed in Florida and claimed the honor of the discovery, although Sebestian Cabot sailed along the coast in 1497.

1673—The castle formerly standing at the entrance of Boston harbor accidentally destroyed by fire.

1778—The American ministers, Franklin, Dean, and Lee, publicly received at the French court.

1788—A fire at New Orleans, by which seven-cighths of the city was laid in ashes.

1835—Napoleon declared the marriage of his brother Jerome to Edizabeth Patterson, of Baltimore, annulled.

annulled.

1836-Heary B. Brown, jurist, born. Retired justice of the United States Supreme Court.

1863-Battle of Somerset, Ky.
1864-Nevada admitted as thirty-sixth State.

1885-Bands of settlers rendezvous at Coffeyville, Kans., and made a start for the Oklahoma homestead lands.

homestead lands.

1904—Free trade with the Philippines urged by Secretary Taft before committee of Congress. House Committee on Judiciary votes to impeach Charles Swayne, United States judge for the district of Florida.

1905—Frifty-five bodies recovered from Brockton, Mass., shoe factory debris.

1906—President Roosevelt made plain, blunt reply to list of grievances presented him by American Federation of Labor.

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and included Beethoven's Sonata Char

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> "A Christian is not born a Christian For ages it has been a custom for the children of Christians to profess religion at a tender age and live up to it through-

> the creed. It has been considered a disgrace for a Jew to renounce his forefathers, his religion, and nation, and adopt the Christian religion as his own. To-day a Jew may forsake his all and become a Christian. It is no longer looked upon as a disgrace to himself and

The foregoing statement was made last night by Mr. Philip Sidersky, of Baltimore, before a large gathering of Jews and Christians in the synagogue at Sixth and G streets northwest.

May Become Christians.

Mr. Sidersky is on a lecturing tour, endeavoring to convince persons of the held a campfire in G. A. R. Hall last Hebrew race that it is right to accept night, with a large attendance. Stories the Christian faith if they have a change and songs of other days were told and of thought-"an enlightening."

sung, and the veterans and their friends He showed a number of stereopticon views, depicting events described in the Old and New Testaments, among them Judge Edwin P. Seeds, auditor in the War Department, in a short address, said portraits of many prominent Jews, who "And now, at this lapse of time, the press could not mention it for fear of libel. They'll think that the doctor had done a moonlight flit, instead of paying come higher ideals of patriotism; that the churches in this country who had been born of Jewish parents and had adopted the Christian religion after reading the New Testament. The best known of these, he said, were such men as Bishop Other speakers were Gen, Van Bukoy and Col. T. H. Hopkins. The programme

Scherewsky, of the Episcopal Church, and the great composer, Mendelssohn. "True Christians," continued Mr. Sider-sky, "follow the teachings of Christ. Wa8:

Chorns, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground;" piano solo, "Maple Leaf Rag." Mr. Gates Rapp; song, "The Good Old U. S. A.." Mr. Thomas J. Amugton; buck and wing dance, Master Everett Tucker; selection, Congressional Quartet; address, Gen. Van Bukoy; song, "San Antonio," Mr. William Biddings; address, Col. Thomas H. Hopkins; song, Mr. Lang; address, Judge Edwin P. Seeds, dejuty auditor for the War Department.

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Mr. Sidersky was assisted by Miss Ruth Angel, of New York, who spoke on "Sacrifice an essential in the Jewish religion." Miss Angel is a Jewish girl, who has been converted to Christianity. She conducts the Hebrew Christian Mission, 280 Rivington street, New York, and came to Washington for the purpose of making the address. She said, in part:

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"I am a Jewess, and I have come to the onclusion that 'Jesus Christ is the lamb Eminent Commander W. A. of God, which taketh away the sin of the

hat had of late been uppermost in his mander William McCoach, Captain Gen"Well," he said, "old Statham has financial interests in Servia, has he not?" |
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Before adjournment President Gompers, Secretary Morrison, and James O'Connell were appointed a committee of three to carry into effect the plan decided upo in conference contingent upon Congress acceding or not to the protest presented Thursday. The details of this plan have not yet been made public, but President

President Gompers stated there was a narked difference in the reception re eived Thursday and that accorded the mmittee which presented the bill of grievances two years ago.

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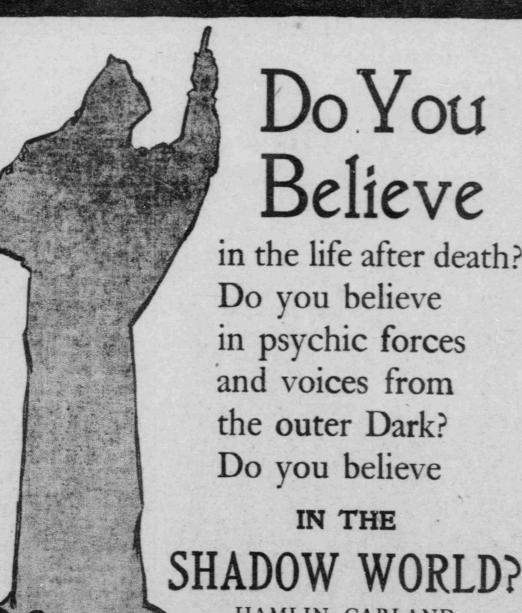
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